



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[P-2697-042]

Northern States Power Company;

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing And Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Non-capacity amendment to modify dam spillway
- b. Project No.: 2697-042
- c. Date Filed: February 4, 2021, supplemented March 26, 2021
- d. Applicant: Northern States Power Company
- e. Name of Project: Cedar Falls Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Red Cedar River in Dunn County, Wisconsin
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791 (a)-825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Matthew Miller, 1414 West Hamilton Avenue, P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702, (715) 737-1353.
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502-8666, Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is **30 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission**. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/doc-sfiling/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2697-042.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. **Description of Request:** The applicant proposes to modify the dam to increase its flow capacity in order to safely pass the inflow design flood. To do so, the applicant intends to fill most of the existing Amberson-style dam with mass concrete, redesign the existing Tainter gate spillway at the right side of the dam as a non-overflow dam section, convert an adjacent section of the dam to a larger Tainter gate spillway, construct a stilling basin below this new spillway, and deepen a crest gate section to aid in flow and debris management. Construction activities are expected to commence in 2021 and be completed in 2023. The proposed modifications are not expected to affect the operating regime or reservoir elevation and flow requirements.

l. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. **Comments, Motions to Intervene, or Protests:** Anyone may submit comments, a motion to intervene, or a protest in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, motions to intervene, or protests must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:** Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", or "PROTEST" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number(s) of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening or protesting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance

with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: April 12, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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